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ELECTRONIC STILL CAMERA

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 27, 2004, which set a three-month shortened statutory period to expire on December 27, 2004, Applicants submit the following remarks for entry in the above-identified patent application and request reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.